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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated March 8, 2006 in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby request an extension of time of three months, from June 8, 2006 to September 8, 2006.

Accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper is an authorization to charge to a credit card the \$1,020 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for reply within the third month.

Respectfully submitted,

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